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- Regulators with the U.S. Chemical Safety Board stated Chevron Corp. was aware of the severely corroded pipe that led to a massive fire in 2012 at their refinery in Richmond, California before the incident, and did not follow protocol to replace the damaged equipment. – *Dow Jones Newswires* (See item [2](#))
- Three people were indicted in Los Angeles for their alleged role in a credit/debit card fraud scheme after authorities confiscated more than 90,000 fake bank cards shipped from China. – *Associated Press* (See item [9](#))
- A man shot at and injured two individuals outside the Chesterfield County courthouse February 13 in a paternity dispute before leading officers on a 12-mile chase. – *Associated Press* (See item [21](#))
- A hoax emergency message that was played on several stations throughout the U.S. warning the public of a zombie apocalypse was attributed to weak password security at the stations. – *Reuters* (See item [23](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *February 14, Marietta Times* – (Ohio) **Guilty plea in Clean Water Act case.** A man plead guilty on behalf of his company, RCA Oil and Gas LLC for permitting the flow of oil and gas well wastewater into a tributary of the Little Muskingum River in June 2010, which lead to elevated levels of barium and sodium in the water. Officials declared the reservoir an oil field wastewater site.  
Source: <http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/549833/Guilty-plea-in-Clean-Water-Act-case.html?nav=5002>
2. *February 13, Dow Jones Newswires* – (California) **U.S. Inspectors: Chevron knew of pipe problems that caused California refinery fire.** Regulators with the U.S. Chemical Safety Board stated Chevron Corp. was aware of the severely corroded pipe that led to a massive fire in 2012 at their refinery in Richmond, California before the incident, and did not follow protocol to replace the damaged equipment.  
Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2013/02/13/us-inspectors-chevron-knew-pipe-problem-that-caused-california-refinery-fire/>
3. *February 13, Associated Press* – (New York) **Fuel tank crash in Rensselaer County injures driver, fouls creek.** The driver of a gasoline tanker crashed February 13 causing an explosion and discharge of fuel into Hoosick River tributary. State officials were working to clean the spill and contain the fuel.  
Source: <http://www.dailygazette.com/news/2013/feb/13/fuel-truck-crash-rensselaer-county-injures-driver-/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

4. *February 14, Fort Dodge Messenger* – (Iowa; Kansas) **Koch firm to pay \$380K fine.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced February 13 that Koch Nitrogen Co. LLC will pay a \$380,000 fine for failing to have proper risk management plans in 2007 and 2007 at two chemical plants in Dodge City, Kansas, and Fort Dodge, Iowa, and a pipeline terminal in Marshalltown, Iowa.  
Source: <http://www.messengernews.net/page/content.detail/id/554962/Koch-firm-to-pay--380K-fine.html?nav=5010>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *February 13, Associated Press* – (New York) **NY reactor shut down after pumps fail.** The Indian Point 2 reactor was shut down February 13 after pumps that move water to the steam generators stopped functioning.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APdd1364ebfe1b4dba90a101a2808b838e.html>

6. *February 13, Augusta Chronicle* – (South Carolina) **Report cites ‘vulnerabilities’ of nuclear fuel stored at SRS.** A Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board report made public the week of February 11 found serious vulnerabilities with stored nuclear fuel waste at the Savannah River Site.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/government/2013-02-13/report-cites-vulnerabilities-nuclear-fuel-stored-srs?v=1360786011>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

7. *February 13, Associated Press* – (National) **Pentagon clears F-35B to resume test flights.** The U.S. Department of Defense cleared the F-35B Joint Strike Fighter to continue test flights February 12 after the planes were grounded for a month due to engine issues. The problem, identified as an improperly crimped fuel hydraulic line, has since been resolved.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2013/02/dn021313-f35b-stovl-resumes-mil/>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

8. *February 13, Bloomberg News* – (International) **Ex-Xinhua finance CEO pleads guilty to U.S. tax charge.** The former CEO of Xinhua Finance Ltd. pleaded guilty to conspiring to obstruct the Internal Revenue Service amid a case where she and two others allegedly participated in insider trading and tax evasion.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-02-13/ex-xinhua-finance-ceo-pleads-guilty-to-u-s-tax-conspiracy-1-.html>

9. *February 13, Associated Press* – (California; International) **Feds seize 90K counterfeit cards in Calif.** Three people were indicted in Los Angeles for their alleged role in a credit/debit card fraud scheme after authorities confiscated more than 90,000 fake bank cards shipped from China.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Feds-seize-90K-counterfeit-credit-cards-in-Calif-4276740.php>

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## Transportation Sector

10. *February 14, Associated Press* – (International) **12 cruises canceled on troubled Carnival cruise ship.** The owners of the Carnival Triumph cruise ship adrift in the Gulf of Mexico stated that the ship had previously experienced mechanical problems and canceled 12 future cruises aboard the ship.  
Source: <http://www.csmonitor.com/Business/Latest-News-Wires/2013/0214/12-cruises-canceled-on-troubled-Carnival-cruise-ship>
11. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Nearly 600 storm grates stolen from Georgia roads.** Nearly 600 storm grates in the Atlanta area were stolen in the past 3 months, posing vehicle and pedestrian hazards.  
Source: <http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/southeast/2013/02/14/223196.htm>

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

12. *February 13, Modesto Bee* – (California) **LA man gets three years for phony bomb threats, including call from Modesto.** A Los Angeles man was sentenced for making fictitious threats about bombs in the mail. He was also ordered to pay nearly \$7,000 in restitution to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service for the cost of additional security screenings and inspections.  
Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2013/02/13/2577636/la-man-gets-three-years-for-phony.html>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *February 13, Food Safety News* – (National) **Salmonella ground beef outbreak hits 18.** Two additional cases of Salmonella Typhimurium linked to tainted ground beef from Jouni Meats, Inc. and Gab Halal Foods, were reported raising the total number of cases to 18 in the U.S.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/02/salmonella-ground-beef-outbreak-hits-18/>
14. *February 13, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **San Lorenzo: Ammonia leak at Sara Lee plant Tuesday night forces evacuations.** Law enforcement personnel evacuated over 100 employees from workspaces in San Lorenzo, California February 12 after an ammonia leak was discovered in the refrigeration system at the nearby Sara Lee Foods facility. The leak was contained after about 3 hours.  
Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_22582462/san-lorenzo-ammonia-leak-at-sara-lee-plant](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_22582462/san-lorenzo-ammonia-leak-at-sara-lee-plant)

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## Water Sector

15. *February 13, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **2 NJ water company officials accused of rigging samples to hide elevated levels of contaminant.** Two New Jersey municipal water authority officials were charged with multiple counts of official misconduct, violating State environmental laws, records tampering, conspiracy, and unlawfully releasing toxic pollutants.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/energy-environment/2-officials-of-public-water-commission-in-nj-accused-of-hiding-contaminant-in-drinking-water/2013/02/13/4778eac0-7617-11e2-9889-60bfcbb02149\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/energy-environment/2-officials-of-public-water-commission-in-nj-accused-of-hiding-contaminant-in-drinking-water/2013/02/13/4778eac0-7617-11e2-9889-60bfcbb02149_story.html)
16. *February 13, KTUU 2, Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Kwethluk water supply contaminated by barge sinking, mayor says.** The small town of Kwethluk is dealing with petroleum leaks from a nearby sunken barge which have contaminated their water source.  
Source: <http://www.ktuu.com/news/kwethluk-water-supply-contaminated-by-barge-sinking-021313,0,7110174.story>
17. *February 12, Star Tribune* – (California) **Brooklyn Center deals with manganese in tap water.** One of Brooklyn Center's nine groundwater wells was shut down due to high levels of manganese. Brooklyn Center will mix water from that well with the other eight wells to ensure the manganese content falls below State recommended levels.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/north/190450781.html>

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## Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *February 13, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Hacker may have accessed records for 43,000 people treated at Froedtert Health.** Froedtert Health announced that in December 2012 patient records may have been accessed through a computer virus. No evidence has been found indicating a breach however, as a precaution, the hospital notified patients.  
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/hacker-may-have-accessed-records-for-43000-people-treated-by-froedtert-health-ut8p9ut-191142371.html>
19. *February 13, Forbes* – (National) **FDA safety regs faulted for lax oversight.** The Office of Inspector General at the Department of Health and Human Services released a report stating that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is not effectively implementing their Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies provisions, and raising the question on where the authority should lie on managing drug risks.  
Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/scottgottlieb/2013/02/13/fda-safety-regulations-faulted-for-lax-oversight/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

20. *February 14, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Threat prompts lockdown of Philadelphia school.** Tacony Academic Charter High School was locked down after receiving a bomb threat February 14. Authorities are still investigating.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=8992526>
21. *February 13, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **2 wounded in shooting outside SC courthouse.** A man shot at and injured two individuals outside the Chesterfield County courthouse February 13 in a paternity dispute before leading officers on a 12-mile chase. Police forced his vehicle into a ditch and promptly arrested him.  
Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/02/13/3327062/2-wounded-in-shooting-outside.html>
22. *February 13, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Bay area man accused of threatening to kill State senator.** A California State senator received a death threat by a man that was against his decision to urge legislation to restrict assault weapons. Authorities found materials used to make homemade bombs in his home during his arrest.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-threat-20130214,0,3767523.story>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *February 14, Reuters* – (National) **Broadcasters blame zombie hack on easy passwords.** A hoax emergency message that was played on several stations throughout the U.S. warning the public of a zombie apocalypse was attributed to weak password security at the stations. The Federal Communications Commission urged all television stations to change passwords and ensure that all equipment was secured behind a firewall in order to prevent any future incidents.  
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/zombie-hoax-blamed-lax-passwords-u-broadcasters-045834782--sector.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

24. *February 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Hackers offer phone flooding services that “take care” of competitor’s phone lines.** Cybercriminals have been seen advertising automated phone flooding services that could be used to disrupt businesses or prevent financial institutions from receiving reports of fraud.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Advertise-Phone-Flooding-Services-That-Take-Care-of-Competitor-s-Phone-Lines-329559.shtml>

25. *February 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **Adobe offers mitigation for Reader 0-day attack, fix is yet to come.** Adobe offered users a workaround for a zero-day vulnerability in Adobe Reader until it can be patched.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14419>
26. *February 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **11 arrested in takedown of prolific ransomware gang.** Police in Spain arrested 11 individuals charged with running a ransomware operation using the Reveton malware.  
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2413](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2413)
27. *February 14, Softpedia* – (International) **LA Times cleans up website, but over 320,000 have been exposed to malware attack.** The LA Times stated February 14 that the newspaper's 'Offers and Deals' Web site was used to serve malware since December 2012 and has been now secured.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/LA-Times-Cleans-Up-Website-But-over-320-000-Were-Exposed-to-Malware-Attack-329388.shtml>

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *February 14, Center for Campus Fire Safety* – (California) **UC Davis: Two students treated for smoke inhalation; as many as 20 displaced.** A February 11 fire at the University Court Apartments left 20 students homeless and injured two.  
Source: <http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2013/02/uc-davis--two-students-treated-for-smoke-inhalation--as-many-as-.html>

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## National Monuments and Icons Sector

29. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Deep Creek Lake users warned about ice dangers.** After rescuing two ice fishermen in January, the Maryland Park Service issued a warning to the public to be cautious on the ice surface of Deep Creek Lake. Shoreline ice removal scheduled for the weekend of February 16 will cause the area to be unsafe.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/21193409/deep-creek-lake-users-warned-about-ice-dangers>

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